BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 95-718-C - ORDER NO. 95-972

APRIL 27, 1995

IN RE:	Request of Wiltel, Inc. for Approval) ORDER
	of Revisions to its S.C. Tariff No. 1) APPROVING
	to Introduce Directory Assistance Call) STIPULATION
	Completion Service and Operator) AND TARIFF
	Assistance Service Under the Company's) FILING
	Enhanced Travel Card Offering (Ref:)
	Tariff No. 95-84).)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Wiltel, Inc. (Wiltel) for approval of revisions to its S.C. Tariff No. 1 in the form of Tariff No. 95-84. Wiltel filed the request for revisions to its tariff to accomplish several changes to the Enhanced Travel card component of its South Carolina tariff. First, Wiltel wishes to decrease the surcharge on the Conference Calling feature and to increase the per minute Conference Calling charge for Prime and Non-Prime hours. Second, Wiltel wishes to increase the per minute charge for the Audiotext feature and to add language to indicate that base rates per minute do not apply to this feature. Wiltel wishes to add a separate Directory Assistance Surcharge which applies only to Directory Assistance accessed by the WilMAX Enhanced Travel Card. Fourth, Wiltel adds a surcharge for call completion by the Operator following a Directory Assistance request. Fifth, Wiltel adds Operator Service surcharges for operator assistance while placing a call with the WilMAX Enhanced

Travel Card and also adds surcharges for Station-to Station and Person-to-Person calls.

Intervening in the Tariff filing was Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph (Southern Bell). Southern Bell and Wiltel later filed a Stipulation with the Commission regarding this Tariff filing. The Stipulation between Southern Bell and Wiltel provides as follows:

- (1) Any grant of authority shall clearly be for interLATA services and such intraLATA services as contemplated by PSC Order No. 93-462, dated June 3, 1993.
- (2) Wiltel represents that the services for which it seeks authority through this Application are not intended to be used to complete local calls. Wiltel agrees that it is not seeking authority in this docket to authorize it to complete local calls. Further, Wiltel agrees that it will not use either this Stipulation or the services specified in the tariffs filed in the above-captioned docket as grounds upon which to argue before this Commission that Wiltel should be authorized to transport and complete local calls. Wiltel represents that it will not market, advertise, encourage, or offer its services to be used as a method of transporting and completing local calls.
- (3) Wiltel affirms that, at this time, it cannot prevent the completion of local calls on its network by customers using the services specified in the tariffs filed in the above-captioned docket. For this reason, Wiltel cannot stipulate that its customers will not complete local calls using its services. Therefore, Wiltel may bill for completion of local calls and collect the revenues therefore. When it becomes technically and practically possible for Wiltel to implement blocking of local call completion using the services of Wiltel, Wiltel will implement such blocking until such time as it has obtained authority from the South Carolina Public Service Commission to transport and complete local calls.

The Stipulation also provides that upon acceptance of the Stipulation by the Commission, Southern Bell will withdraw its

intervention in this Docket.

The Commission has examined the Tariff filing of Wiltel and the Stipulation submitted by Wiltel and Southern Bell and believes, and so finds, that the Tariff revisions proposed by Wiltel are, and would be, beneficial to the public in South Carolina. The Commission, therefore, approves the Stipulation between Southern Bell and Wiltel and approves the Tariff revisions proposed by Wiltel. The Commission also holds, however, that in approving these Tariff revisions, the Commission is not approving Wiltel's entry into the local market or Wiltel's entry into the local Directory Assistance market. Wiltel is hereby ordered to take all reasonable steps to ensure that these services herein approved are not marketed as a local service offering or as a local Directory Assistance offering.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Rufold Mittell

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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